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Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), i.e., prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

Attached are copies of two Japanese patent publications, which were cited in a European Search Report, dated December 2, 2003, that was issued in connection with a foreign counterpart application. Also attached is a Form PTO-1449, listing the publications.

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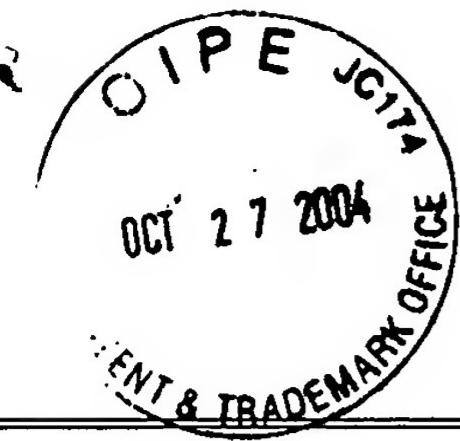
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